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19. (Amended) An encoder as claimed in claim 15 wherein each terminal of the encoder is coupled, via a resistor, to a common node.

25. (Amended) A decoder as claimed in claim 24 comprising:

- a first receiver sub-circuit;
- a second receiver sub-circuit;
- a data decoder;
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wherein:

the first receiver sub-circuit has a respective switching element for each of the said terminals controlled by the signal on that terminal providing a respective output, each output of the first receiver sub-circuit indicating when the terminal controlling the switching element is at a first voltage level;

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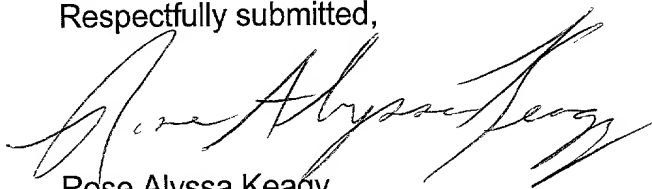
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28. (Amended) A system comprising an encoder as claimed in claim 8 and a decoder as claimed in claim 21.

29. (Amended) A method of transmitting data comprising encoding it as a series of symbols using the signal of claim 1.

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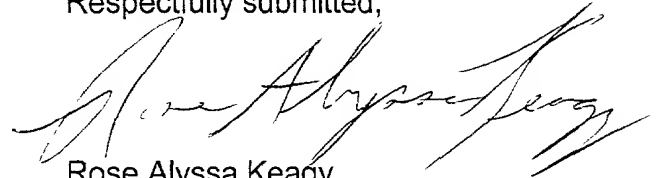
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